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How to request a waiver under M.G.L. Chapter 71, Section 57

To: Waiver Applicant

From: School Health Unit Staff

M.G.L. Chapter 71, Section 57 permits the Department to grant a waiver under certain conditions.

The Application for Waiver of Certain Regulations...Regarding Physical Examination and Related Activities for School Children is enclosed for your use. In order to be considered for waiver approval, please submit the completed application to the School Health Unit at the following address: School Health Unit, Massachusetts Department of Public Health, 250 Washington Street, 5th Floor, Boston, MA 02108-4619. **All approvals will be for a one-year period.**

Please note the following conditions, which **must be met** in order to have the application considered for approval:

- An alternative plan designed to be more effective in protecting and promoting the health of school-aged children in your system must be included. This plan must not reflect a reduction in the school health budget or staff.
- The Alternative Waiver Activity Reporting Form (page 6 of the Waiver Application) must be completed and submitted with the Waiver Application form to be considered for the **renewal** of your waiver application.

You will be notified of the status of your application. Following initial approval, your school system will be required to complete annually the Alternative Waiver Activity Reporting form along with supporting documentation which should be submitted to the School Health Unit together with the **postural screening statistics**.

Thank you for your interest in improving the health services provided to school-aged children within your public school system.